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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAN, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—DEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SCHAWER, QUELCH & CAMPBELL, AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, C. HENRICKSEN & CO., Macao, L. A. DA GAMA.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—B. D. SAROON, Esq.

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London BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

Mr. CARL KREIS, has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.

T. G. LINSTEAD. Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

M. R. HENRY L. DENNYS will act as SECRETARY, LIBRARIAN, and CURATOR of the CITY HALL from and after the 11th instant.

By Order of the Committee,

N. B. DENNYS, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap24

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNKER DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm, from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. jy16

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURKE will conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my temporary absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Office, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. se18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named Dispensary will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.

W. H. SIEGFRIED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. PELL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

MONDAY,

the 30th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of on the day previously advertised), at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East, —

The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables, Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-cases and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Rail Sticks, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising—Desks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown—

10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE, 1 SAW MILL, by FORREST & BARN, Engineers, Glasgow.

Also,

1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.

And,

At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co., One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer,

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap30

Intimations.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE Co.

1875-1877.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of One Hundred Taels (Ts. 100) per SHARE, Sanctioned at the General Meeting of Shareholders, Held on the 8th Inst., will be Payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK, and after FRIDAY, 15th April, 1877.

Warrants for the Return on Premium for the Year 1876 will be issued shortly, on completion of the adjustment of the Contingent Accounts.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

HERBERT S. MORRIS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap25

WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., Coal Merchants, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr. Arvon has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. F. J. JACK, at 80, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

F. J. BUFFAM,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap25

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETRES, &c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

W. H. SIEGFRIED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby notifies that he is the SOLE OWNER of the Chinese House known as WAH YIN FONG, in Staunton Street, erected on Inland Lot No. 167. They are all the Property of YEONG SUI, and nobody else has any interest in them, nor has the Undersigned any Partners in this Estate. He issues this notice to prevent disputes.

YEONG SUI,

TAI YEE SHOP.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap28

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE,

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER

"ALBAY"

The above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DOBBIE & CO., under special Survey of LLOYD'S, and the MACHINERY AND BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & CO., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1875, when NEW SALIS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPAO DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

The said FREDERICK SOWLEY BUFFAM, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and the Undersigned are the Solicitors acting in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final examination, and to make application for his discharge, of which notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the first Meeting of Creditors the Acting Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of Creditors, and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

Notice is also hereby given to all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, not to deliver the same, but to the Official Assignee.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1877.

SHAW, TOLIVER & JOHNSON, Solicitors for the Bankrupt, Supreme Court House.

Notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

INTIMATIONS.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.

ROSENA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ROSETTA McNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Meyer & Co.

NYASAS, British ship, Captain W. S. Garrow.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wiesler & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS"
Capt. Pittman, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap25

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Departure of the S. S.
"GADSHILL" for the above Ports is unavoidably Postponed until THURSDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
Agents
Hongkong, April 28, 1877. ap26

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. CO., S. S. ZAMBESI,

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the INDUS and SIAM from London, and POONAH from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 28th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, April 22, 1877. ap27

TANJONG
PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED,
SINGAPORE.

THE BUSINESS of this Company was resumed immediately after the Fire. Vessels will obtain the usual Despatch and Coal Supplies.

E. M. SMITH,
Manager,
April 23, 1877. my23

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 25th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 31, Queen's Road,—

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Damask Covered Chairs, Couches, Pictures, Mirrors, Glass and Crockery Ware, Sideboard, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Glasses, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 23, 1877. ap25

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 21, Kronprinses, Danish barque, from Whampoa.

April 22, Zambesi, British steamer, 1542, Alfred Symons, Bombay April 3, Gallo 8, Ponang 14, and Singapore 16, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

April 22, Peng Chou Kai, Chinese gun boat, from a cruise.

April 22, Amoy, British steamer, 514, G. H. Dore, Shanghai April 16, and Swatow 21, General.—SIEMSEN & CO.

April 22, H. M. S. Hornet, 464, H. N. Hillyard, Amoy April 20.

April 23, Sophie, German brig, 210, H. Bling, Bangkok March 18, Rio.—WILLER & CO.

April 23, H. M. S. Fly, 464, John Bruce, Melchow and Fakhoi April 21.

April 23, Olympia, German steamer, 776, J. Nagel, Hollow April 22, General.—SIEMSEN & CO.

April 23, Meteor, British steamer, 687, Johnstone, Saigon April 18, Rio.—HOZET.

April 23, Honesty, British steamer, 1110, J. Potter, Foochow April 21, Ballast, Goss, Livingston & CO.

April 23, Falcon, British barque, 885, J. G. Wins, Bangkok March 23, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

April 23, A. T. Stalke, German barque, 529, P. P. Schilt, Bangkok March 20, Rice.—SIEMSEN & CO.

April 23, Bertha, British steamer, 1421, G. Windham, Cardiff Feb. 18, via ports of call, and Singapore April 12, Coal.—PENINS & CO.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 22, Norma, for Swatow.
22, Taiwan, for Coast Ports.
22, Amoy, for Canton.
22, Killarney, for Salom.
23, Ching Tung, for a cruise.
23, Humboldt, for Manila.
23, Malacca, for Yokohama.

CLEARED.

Corinne, for Bangkok.
Nuevo Constante, for Manila.
Anglo Saxon, for London.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Zambesi, for Hongkong; from Southampton, Surgeon Major J. A. Hanbury; from Brindisi, H. E. the Right Hon. Mr Pope Hennessy, Governor of Hongkong; Mrs Pope Hennessy, child and maid, and Mr G. Oliver; from Bombay, Mr D. T. Roberts; from Penang, 6 Chinese; from Singapore, The Hon. C. B. Plunkett, Surgeon L'Estrange and servant, Lieut. Mr Calum, R.E.; Corporal R. Irby, and Private H. Kirby, A.H.C.; Mr H. P. White, and 55 Chinese, and 4 Chinese for Amoy. For Shanghai: from Southampton, Mrs Lemarchand, Miss Robinson, Dr. Hippo, Messrs P. Dank, and F. Park; from Brindisi, Mr and Mrs. Schinfield, and Mr E. Gammon. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Mr H. E. Tripp.

Per Amoy, from Shanghai, &c., Mr. W. Bird, 1 European deck and 74 Chinese. Per Olympia, from Hoichow, 1 European deck, and 35 Chinese. Per Mecca, from Saigon, 18 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Taiwan, for Amoy, Mr Haaloe. Per Malacca, for Yokohama, Pow Choy Chee and wife, and Mr H. E. Tripp. Per Norma, for Swatow, 288 Chinese. Per Killarney, for Saigon, 40 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Amoy reports: Had moderate to fresh N.E. winds and thick rainy weather throughout the passage. Passed S. S. Chinkiang in Bonham Pass and S. S. Ningpo of Tung Ting.

The German steamer Olympia reports: Moderate S.E. winds and foggy weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Mecca reports: Moderate and fine weather throughout.

The British barque Falcon reports: In the Gulf of Siam S.W. wind, thence N.E. winds to 11 N. and thence Easterly to 19 N., after which it arrived moderate N.E. winds, with very high N.E. swell and low Barometer, 20.74.

The German barque A. T. Stalke reports: Left Bangkok on the 20th of March, had light S.W. winds in the Gulf as far as Pulo Obi, after this had Easterly winds with heavy sea to Cape Varella; then got S.W. winds for two days, after which experienced a heavy gale from the N.E.

CARGO.

Per Gestling, sailed 21st April, 1877;—For London: from Shanghai, 494 bales Raw Silk; to Yokohama, 15 bales Raw Silk. For Continent: from Yokohama, 5 bales Raw Silk. For Malta: from Amoy, 102 pkgs. Tea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—Per Barque CARMEN, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—Per DOUGLAS, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per DANUBE, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Per GADSHILL, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 26th inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE FARNON PACKET.—The French Contract Packet IRAOU-ADDY, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Salom, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c., i.e.:—

Friday, 27th Inst.—5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th Inst.—7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 10 cents extra postage, until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, April 18, 1877. ap28

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet GALICIO will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Posts.

Hongkong, April 18, 1877. ap28

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, April 25.—
Noon.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.
2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, at Lane, Crawford's, Queen's Road.

Panay leaves for Manila on or about this date.

THURSDAY, April 26.—
3 p.m.—Gadhill leaves for Singapore and Penang.

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Seat-holders of St. John's Cathedral.

Goods per Sind undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, April 27.—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Goods per Feriony undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Glenavy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 28.—
Tartar leaves for Shanghai and Hankow on or about this date.

Goods per Zambesi undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, April 30.—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Mr F. Fell's residence, Praya East.

TUESDAY, May 1.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, May 2.—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Creditors in re George Frank Graham, a Bankrupt, at the Court House.

TUESDAY, May 15.—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS

OF DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUIREMENTS, TOILET REQUISITES, ENAMEL, AMERICAN AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufacture is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.00 p.m.

BIRTHS.

On the 20th Feb., at the Pines, Coburg, Ontario, the wife of John Burd, Jun., of a daughter.

On the 9th March, at Hillside, Elstree, the wife of David Munro, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

On her passage to England, aged 28 years, Agnes Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. W. G. Cuthbertson (late of Shanghai), Adelaide, South Australia, and grand-daughter of James Lister, J. P., of Liverpool.

On the 23rd Feb., at Le Chateau du Plaisir, L'Isle, France, H. E. Monsieur De Bourbouloz, late French Minister Plenipotentiary Extraordinary at Peking.

On the 10th March, at 21, Upper Brook-street, Thomas Mills Goodlake, of Wadley, Herefordshire, aged 69.

ARRIVAL OF H. E. MR JOHN POPE HENNESSY.

The P. & O. steamer Zambesi, with H. E. the Governor, Mr John Pope Hennessy, and Mrs Hennessy, on board, arrived in Harbour yesterday afternoon, and anchored at the West Point Wharf about half-past 3 o'clock. A profusion of flags was displayed from the mail steamer, as she hauled alongside, in honour of the occasion. The harbour gun intimating the steamer's approach was fired at about 4.45, so that timely warning was given to all concerned to be in readiness to obey the summons issued by the Acting Colonial Secretary, inviting the Community "to attend His Excellency's landing at Peddar's Wharf," which it was stated would "probably take place shortly after the steamer shall have anchored."

It would appear, however, looking at the matter retrospectively, and impartially, that landing Governor is not our "forte." To judge by the blundering hazard manner in which so many of these state ceremonies have been carried out, in our experience, it is somewhat astonishing that we have succeeded in getting our administrators conveyed into Government House at all. On the present occasion, although every one was supposed to be in readiness, all appeared to be taken by surprise. H. E. the Administrator, who is generally punctual to a fault, was at the Peak, and from some cause or other did not arrive until an hour after everybody expected him. On Peddar's Wharf the notables and others began to assemble about 8.30, the crowd gradually increasing as the "dead lock" extended into the shades of evening. Major General Sir F. Osborn, attended by his Military Secretary, appeared on horseback; but he at once proceeded to the P. & O. Wharf (where the Governor and party were awaiting events), on perceiving the real position of affairs. Amongst these who added their weight to the wharf were—Sir John Smale (chief justice), Hon. J. M. Price, Mr. Wodehouse, Captain O'Farrell, Col. Bassano, Col. Dickins, Hon. W. Keawick, Mr. E. Gibb, Dr. Gibb, Dr. Ayres, Mr. F. Stewart, Bishop Baldwin, Mr. C. May, Mr. Russell, Dr. O'Brien, Rev. Dr. E. Hall, Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, Dr. Wharry, Lockhead and Stott, Mr. J. J. Francis, Mr. J. J. dos Remedios, most

Engineer. The plaintiff said that the defendant was not drunk and he had no charge of that sort to prefer against him. He should like to get rid of him. The case was remanded from the Police Court on Saturday; and the Harbour Master, after due consideration of the case, fined the defendant \$5 or 10 days' imprisonment.

(*L. & C. Express*, March 16.)

The project which was some time since entertained of separating the military command of the Straits Settlements from that of China has been abandoned.

Fleet Surgeon G. F. A. Drew has been appointed to the *Audacious*, flag ship of the China Squadron.

New York, March 12.—The *B. thay*, Hong Kong to this port, is ashore at Horeford Inlet. The tide flows in and over her. All the cargo will probably be saved, but the hull will probably be a total loss. The *Lucia*, of London, Crowley, arrived here from Hong Kong, reports that in lat. 24° long. 65°, she experienced very unsettled weather, the wind veering all round the compass and blowing with hurricane violence; sustained slight damage about deck and blew away lower masts.

Buttons.—The following letter, in which the writer is evidently thinking of buttons not feathers, appears in the *Globe*:—“I noticed at the levee that the two Celestials who stood on the foobooth behind the Chinese Ministers' carriage wore feathers in their caps—as far as I could see very much the same sort of feathers the Ministers themselves wore. I have always thought that no Chinese under the rank of mandarin was entitled to wear a feather in the cap. Can you enlighten me on this point?”

A prospectus has been issued of a proposed yachting voyage round the world in August next, in the screw steamer *Sumatra*, 2,400 tons, which is to be fitted with every comfort. The journey will be to the ports of Spain and of the Mediterranean, and through the Suez Canal to China and Japan, and thence to San Francisco, round to New York, and home. Those passengers who prefer visiting the American Continent will be provided with free railway pass to enable them to do so. The passage money is to be £500, which will include everything but wines.

Vice-Admiral Lord William Compton, who has succeeded to the Marquess of Northampton by the death of his brother, saw considerable service in the *Wellesley*, 72, Commander Sir James Bremer, in which ship he took part in the Chinese war. When in command jointly with Acting Lieutenant G. Campbell Fowler and John Astie of the barge and two cutters belonging to the *Wellesley*, he had the good fortune of preserving the ship, then in the *Boca Tigris*, from a formidable and well-planned attempt made on the part of the Chinese to destroy her by means of a fistula of nearly twenty-five vessels, the whole of which, though in many instances chained in couples, and some even three together, were towed clear, without doing the slightest injury. He afterwards, in October of the same year, commanded the *Wellesley*'s boats at the capture of Chinghae. These gallant services were mentioned in the *Gazette*, and he was rewarded by being promoted to the rank of commander.

Hamburg, March 13th.—During the last fortnight shipping has been rather brisk, a good many arrivals from Transatlantic ports as well as departures in these directions have taken place, and business seems again to take up a little. Of arrivals from the Far East we can report the *White Adder*, Bosphorus, and the *Ada Alais*, from Hio (Japan). Of departures are to be registered the *Feronia*, 65, Capt. Schultz, for the usual route to Penang, &c.; *Theseus*, *Waever*, for Apia; *John Friedrich Kroncke*, for Singapore, and *Blankenese*, Spiesen, for the Amoor, all from here. The *Galatea*, Jaeger, sailed from Bremen to East India. On the berth are at present *Gatasta*, 80, *Boehme*, for Penang, &c.; *Anna Monnick*, for Singapore; *Vesta*, Schoemaker, for Manila; *Vega*, Nortvedt; *Adolph Horn*, and *Woolville*, Nelson; all three for Hongkong, and *Bernhard Carl Lueders*, for Yokohama.

The Chinese Envoy, accompanied by Dr Macartney, English Secretary of Legation, proceeded on the 10th inst. to Brighton, where they were entertained by Mr Ashbury, M.P., and visited the Aquarium; and in the evening were present at the Pavilion Dome, where Mr Ashbury addressed over 3,000 persons on his recent tour round the world. He took occasion to speak in very courteous terms of the Chinese Legation in London, which he trusted would lead to an extension of amicable relations between England and China.

A movement has been set on foot in London with a view to working business in China that the market for Tea shall be at Shanghai, and not at the River ports. The measures which have been taken with this object have not been sufficiently matured to produce any result for the coming season; but it is, we are informed, hoped that this may be accomplished next year.

We have to record the death of Mons. De Bourboulon, who was in early days the representative of France in Macao, and the first Minister for that country at Peking, after the ratification of the Tientsin Treaty in 1860, when the Ministers of Foreign Nations were admitted to the capital.

Professor Chenevry and Sir Henry Rawlinson are appointed delegates for London at the sitting of the Congress of Orientals at Florence, to be held in September, 1878; Professor Legge, for Oxford; Professor Wright, for Cambridge, and Dr Muir for Edinburgh.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME
(from Our Own Correspondent)

London, Feb. 18, 1877.

The interest in the Chinese Embassy does not seem to have been of very long duration; and the audience with Her Majesty being now at an end, matters seem to have subsided into a comparatively quiet groove. Their Excellencies are, however, commanding to go about a little and to take stock of the various lions in the Metropolis. A few nights ago, they favoured Madame Tussaud's wax-work exhibition with their august presence; and were probably as much stared at as any of the other figures in the room. I must own to a feeling of surprise at the remarkably easy way in which the Chinese take to the new state of

life in which they find themselves. They all, from the Ambassadors down to the coolies, seem just as happy and just as much at their ease as if they were still amidst the familiar surroundings of their dearly beloved Central Kingdom. The Chinese have a saving conceit which prevents their being put out under any conceivable circumstances. If they feel surprised at the things they see, they certainly do not manifest it; and one might almost think from the way they behave, that they had been among foreigners and in foreign cities all their lives.

Nothing as yet has leaked out as to what is likely to be the upshot of the present negotiations. The papers here have generally taken a very *couleur de rose* view of affairs; but after all, when we get to the plain facts, we do not as yet know whether the apology which has been made by Kuo-Tai-ien has been considered satisfactory or whether the Home Government will confirm Sir Thomas Wade's Convention.

There is, however, so much political uncertainty as to the outcome of the Eastern Question, which, notwithstanding all the efforts to settle it at the Conference, still drags its weary length along, that we may be certain Government will be disposed to give even less attention than usual to Chinese affairs. The chances, therefore, are that negotiations will slip through easily, the Chinese Ambassadors settling down at home; and the new “order of things” inaugurated by there being a Chinese Embassy in London become, for what it may be worth, permanently established.

The Governor designate for Hongkong is still sojourning in Ireland; and from what I can make out is not likely to be in a great hurry to get into hot climates and possibly hot water again. I suppose, however, it will not now be very long before he has to depart for his destination, as the Colonial Office is, not without good reason, averse to the principle of having “acting” Governors.

I have been endeavouring to find out what the numerous Japanese students of law to be found at the various Inns of Court intend to do on being called to the Bar. There must be at present, on a small computation, certainly not less than ten enterprising Japanese so engaged. Probably the idea of some of them is to assist in the compilation of the new Code of laws now being framed with the aid of two French Jurists at Yedo. I am told that the compilation of this Code will probably be at least of eight to ten years' labour—a very nice little job for the Lawyers concerned. Whether it will be quite equal to that of Justinian, which the Japanese are studying so diligently at the Inns of Court, remains to be seen.

The Attaché of the Chinese Embassy was yesterday presented to the Queen by the Chinese Minister. Alcock and Wade were both looking on, and must have felt supremely happy at this evidence of the way in which China is pushing herself forward if not progressing.

I heard a day or two ago of a rather amusing incident illustrative of the sporting capabilities of the China residents. It seems that two old “China hands” rented a large estate in the country to indulge their favourite diversion of shooting, and they proved themselves such adepts in consequence of their practice with the particularly wild fowl of the Flowery Land that they cleared the whole place of game in a couple of days.

There is great rejoicing here among ex-Chinese residents at the satisfactory nature of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Report, the telegraphic summary of which appeared in this morning's money articles. So many here have made the shares a means of permanent investment that it is undoubtedly a matter for much congratulation that affairs have come out so well. I see the shares have risen no less than 50 per cent. since July last.

LONDON, March 16, 1877.

An extraordinary project has, I hear, been set on foot here, having for its object the adoption of some steps which will have the effect of causing the Teas which hitherto have been brought Hankow and the other River ports, to be brought down to Shanghai, so that all the business may be done there.

The idea is not a bad one, but I do not see myself that there is much chance of its ever succeeding. At all events, nothing can be done for the present season; and, though the movement is being backed by one or two influential people, I should be by no means surprised to find that long before next year it has vanished into thin air. No doubt, in the course of time, trade is likely to gravitate more and more towards Shanghai, in place of being spread over a variety of ports; but any attempt to force this result forward will be certain to fail, as all attempts at influencing trade artificially fail everywhere.

The paper on Formosa which was read by Mr. H. Allen of the Consular Service before the Royal Geographical Society last week was one of the easiest I have ever heard. I cannot understand how Sir Rutherford Alcock can have admitted it. Perhaps the Geographical Society like other such institutions gets a little hard up for “matter” at times; but still one would have thought something a little more elaborate could have been obtained. The paper was full of local allusions and local expressions quite unintelligible to people here, and contained little more than mere notes of the daily incidents in his journey. Sir Rutherford's remarks, however, are worth perusal.

The Daily Telegraph I see is still persisting in its sensational articles as to the likelihood of “cheap Chinese labour” finding its way to England. This seems to be one of its favourite hobbies. A few days ago it had an effusion on this subject which would make any one who was not aware of the fact believe we were likely to see a few thousand Chinese landing here in a week or two at least. I suspect the time is a little farther off than that, though it is certainly not impossible that the day may may come when the Chinese will make their appearance here.

The prospects of the coming Tea Season are being discussed. People have been very much bitten by the market last season having been overstocked with common Congou, and it is to be hoped that the losses they are now suffering will make them a little cautious at the opening. A “teamman” to whom I was speaking a few days ago, expressed his opinion that the market would not improve unless some 30,000,000 lbs. of tea in export resulted from the present state of things. This is, no doubt, an exaggeration, but it is in this direction that improvement must be looked for. The market here cannot be “sick” along as Tea keep pouring upon it from China, whatever its state and prospects may happen to be.

SUPREME COURT IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS. (Before His Lordship the Chief Justice Sir JOHN SMALE.)

23rd April, 1877.

CHILD-STEALING.

One Ayew was indicted on two counts for stealing a male child, named Fai-Wan Cheong, the grandson of one Chun A-Tim, a widow, residing at Macao. The 1st count charged him with child-stealing by force, and the second with the same offence by fraud.

The facts of the case were very simple, while the evidence was the same as that adduced before the Police Court. The prosecutrix missed her grandson, and enquiries were instituted. Two women happened to go on board a Kung-moon passage boat, and there the prisoner was found in the company of the prisoner, who brought the child on board. The evidence was so conclusive that the jury brought in a verdict of guilty on the 2nd count without any deliberation. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and to be thrice whipped 25 strokes each time.

The following telegram was composed by the jury:—Messrs. Donald Brizelle, Andrew Wohlers, Wm. Legge, Wm. Lapsley, A. Miller, M. A. Da Silva and Wm. Schuyler.

A HEARTLESS ROBBERY.

Wong Aming was arraigned on six counts for robbing a female child of age of a pair of bangles and a pair of anklets, and with intent to cutting and wounding her with intent to murder &c. on the 27th March last. The facts were briefly these. The child in question was playing outside the street when the prisoner enticed her to go with him to see some exhibition of dolls. The child refused and the prisoner took her up by the arms to a place on the hill-side, when the prisoner took off her bangles and anklets and hacked her about on the head, the object being, as the child, who appeared to be very intelligent, stated, was that she should not be able hereafter to identify the perpetrator. After having robbed and cut the child in a furious manner, the prisoner put a heavy stone on her and then left. A constable on duty on Queen's Head West near the Koshing Theatre. He saw a child sitting on the brink of the precipice underneath the Berlin Mission House. One of her legs was over the edge of the embankment, while with one hand she had hold of some shrubs. The Constable went up at once and called her up. He asked what was the matter with her, and she said she had been robbed and cut. On being asked if she knew where the robber was she said she could not say; she was, however, nearly fainting from the loss of blood. The Constable took her up at once and covered her up with his cape. He asked what was the matter with her, and she said she had been robbed and cut. On being asked if she knew where the robber was she said she could not say; she was, however, nearly fainting from the loss of blood.

Having gone to a course N.W. & W. for 34 miles and then a course North for 30 miles further ought to bring a steamer about daylight to the first land, namely the small island called on the charts Chayune, but known to Chinese as Chieh Yang. This island, which is high and bold, lies about 24 miles S.S.E. of Kuan-tow Head in lat. 20° deg. 64' N. and long. 109° deg. 13' E. About 7 miles to the N.W. of it is the island of Wei-chow, called on the charts Guiechow. Though larger in area, the latter island is much less elevated than Chieh Yang (Chayune). To the E.N.E. of Wei-chow (Guiechow), where there is a Catholic Missionary resident, a coral reef extends for about a mile. After passing Chieh Yang (Chayune) about 3 miles to the East of it in 9 or 10 fathoms and keeping well clear of the reef off Wei-chow (Guiechow), a course to N.W. will lead to Kuan-tow Head which will make as island.

There are five fathoms of water to within 1/2 of a mile of this headland. Between the island of Chieh Yang (Chayune) and Kuan-tow Head innumerable heavy fishing stakes exist which render it a very imprudent thing for a vessel to attempt to navigate this distance after dark.

Kuan-tow Head is a bold headland 390 feet high, forming the western extremity of a narrow peninsula of which the northern extremity is the projecting beach on which the village of Tikok, one of the limits of the Pak-hoi anchorage, is built. To enter the harbour after having reached about 1/2 of a mile to the West of Kuan-tow Head, a vessel should steer for the Northern end of the fishing stakes which will now be seen to the N.E. planted athwart the entrance of the harbour in tiers running N.N.W. from the village of Tikok for a distance of 830 yards, taking care not to get into less water than three fathoms, as a sand bank runs out in a N.E. direction from the N.N.W. point of the Head; at the same time a vessel must not go too far off as there is a sand-bank running East and West to the N. of the fishing stakes.

The fishing stakes can be passed close alongside (some in fact occupy the deepest part of the channel), after which the deep East by South for a short distance takes a vessel to her anchor.

Bombay, March 23.—There was an important meeting of the Town Council of Bombay yesterday, to discuss the condition of 13,000 famine-stricken people in the city, whose presence is ignored by the Government. In proof of the insufficiency of reduced famine rations, the Health Officer says the death in the whole city have doubled. Evidence was given of the awful overcrowding and pitiable condition of the immigrants. Rs. 10,000 was granted to provide hospital sheds. In spite of the opposition of Government supporters, the meeting resolved to ask the Government to contribute to the relief fund. There were sharp showers this morning.

Bombay, March 23.—Eight medical officers have been despatched to Dharwar, where cholera is bad.

Aimedabad, March 25.—An extensive fire broke out in the City last night, by which 250 houses were burnt. The Collector was very energetic, but the water supply was deficient. There has been no loss of life, but an immense destruction of property is reported.

Captain Walter Yoldham, of the 10th Hussars, who was well known in India as “Alip Choom,” has retired on half-pay.

Mr. T. C. Cooper is re-appointed to his political agency at Bhamo, and was to leave Calcutta on Monday to relieve Captain C. B. Cook. In Bhamo as much as anywhere, the Government of India wants a strong and safe man; and Mr. Cooper not only fulfils these conditions, but has experience as well.

Calcutta, March 20.—Colonel Macgregor and Captain Lockwood, who started from Europe for India by overland, have arrived at Gundwana, this side of the Bolan Pass, and fifty miles from Khalet. Gundwana was the scene of Sandeman's accident on the 21st March.

Being met by the Khan's escort, his horses became restive and Sandeman was thrown, fracturing a rib.

The number of persons on relief work in Madras in the week ended the 29th March showed an increase of 5,000. There was a decrease in Kurnool, Bellary and Nellore, an increase in Cuddalore, North Arcot, Salem and Madura. 90,000 persons were fed gratuitously. In Mysoore 7,000 were fed, and 47,000 gratuitously.

The last week's deaths in Bombay were 711, or at the rate of 88 per mil per annum.

London, April 4.—The Princess of Wales has started for the Mediterranean. The Prince follows her on Tuesday.

General Alexander Edwards has been appointed Colonel of the 25th Queen's.

A semi-official provincial correspondent of Berlin states that Prince Bismarck will be relieved of the direction of the Foreign and Internal Affairs of the Empire.

The trooper Malabar has arrived at Portsmouth today.

Washington, April 4.—President Hayes has withdrawn the troops from the Carolina State House.

London, April 5.—Hothewald Mail, (Galle 16th March) arrived at Brindisi.

Comics \$6. Bar Silver \$3. Exchange on India 1/8.

SAFES. REPAIRS.—Reserve of Notes, £11,900,000; Bills discounted, £22,800,000; Bullion, £25,000,000.

London, April 6.—The text of the Russian Protocol published recognises the necessity of maintaining the European concert, and favours the re-organisation of the Montenegrin frontier. It invites the Porte to replace its army on a garrison footing, and hopes for their energetic co-operation, while

LATE TELEGRAMS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL (Strait Times.)

Berlin, March 3.—Prince Bismarck has tendered his resignation, which the Emperor refuses to accept, but has granted him a prolonged leave of absence from his duties. The resignation is attributed to a dispute with General Stosch, Minister of Marine, who has also tendered his resignation, which the Emperor has refused to accept.

Constantinople, April 4.—The Porte is displeased with the terms of the proposed protocol, and will probably refuse immediate disarmament. The Montenegrin delegates maintain their demands. Great uncertainty exists.

the Ambassadors of the six guaranteeing Powers at Constantinople will watch, and if disappointed the Great Powers will consider together the best means of securing the well-being of the Christians in Turkey and the general peace.

Constantinople, April 5.—The Porte is displeased with the terms of the proposed protocol, and will probably refuse immediate disarmament. The Montenegrin delegates maintain their demands. Great uncertainty exists.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPROACHING
PAKHOI.

The following directions, supplied by Captain Cooker, of the Chinese gun-boat *Fei-ho*, for vessels approaching the newly opened Port of Pak-hoi, are published in the Government Gazette of Tuesday:—

The Port of Kien-chow, which is commonly called Hui-ho by Foreigners in China, is not known by that name in Hainan, but is called there Hui-ho, a fact which it is well for a captain of a vessel to bear in mind. The captain of a vessel starting from Hui-ho, for Pak-hoi ought, before weighing anchor, to ascertain the condition of the tides current which runs East and West and vice versa with great force in the Hainan Straits, and in his subsequent navigation to make due allowance for its effect.

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